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Business Enterprise.

The keen-eyed stranger sidled up to the tall man who was hurriedly shuffling over his mail. "Beg pardon, sir," he said, "but if I am not mistaken you are one of the physicians of the sick author?" "I am," remarked the tall man. "Thank you," said the stranger. "Then I assume that yours is one of the names that appears on the hourly bulletin?" "It does," said the tall man. "Thank you again," said the stranger. "And now, what I want to suggest is that you permit me, for a handsome compensation, of course, to add these words at the bottom of each bulletin: 'Use Bulger's Blood Bitters! They fight off disease!'" "Sir!" snorted the tall man, trembling with indignation, "those bulletins are not advertisements." "Aren't they?" screamed the peppy stranger. "Then take your name off of 'em!" And he stalked away, leaving the tall man speechless with rage. —St. Louis Republic.

Fruit Farming Along the Frisco.

An attractive, illustrated and thoroughly reliable 64-page booklet, devoted to fruit culture along the Frisco Line in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Indian Territory, just issued. A copy will be sent free upon application to Bryan Snyder, G. P. A., Frisco Line, St. Louis, Mo.

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Chicago, Ill., Jan. 20, 1899.

Pe-ru-na Drug Mfg Co., Columbus, O.: Gentlemen—You will be glad to know of the happy results obtained from the use of Pe-ru-na among the patients under my care whenever prescribed by the physician. I have seen some very remarkable cures of cases of very obstinate catarrh of the stomach, where Pe-ru-na was the only medicine used. I consider it a reliable medicine.

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Send for a free book written by Dr. Hartman, entitled "Health and Beauty." Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O.



Revised History.
"Grandpop," he began, turning the leaves of his book, "did your history used to say that the Spaniards settled this country?"
"I believe it did, my boy?"
"Well, the new ones won't say that."
"What will they say, Ostend?"
"This country settled the Spaniards." Then grandpop gave him a dime.—Brooklyn Life.

Contentment.
He sought Contentment with a feverish zest. Nor stopped at all to take the slightest rest Until he gave it up, his steps retraced, And found behind him that which he had chased. —Town Topics.

WHAT PLUCK.
"That isn't her husband. Can't you see that he is carrying her bundles?" —Chicago Daily News.



"I say, Charlie, wish me luck; I'm going to propose to that girl to-night."
"I wouldn't, old chap; she's bound to turn up her nose at you." —Ally Sloper.

Appreciative.
A woman with a newspaper. Soon as she spreads it open, then How eagerly does she refer To marriage notices! To her They seem good jokes against the men. —Judge.

Complying with His Request.
"Bury me," pleaded the dying sailor, "on American soil."
"All right," said the ship's commander. "There's an island in the offing. We'll just bear down and expand a little more." —Philadelphia North American.

The Cashier's Mistake.
Bank President—Great joke on our cashier.
Stockholder—What is it?
Bank President—He made a mistake and carried off the liabilities instead of the assets when he skipped to Canada. —N. Y. Journal.

Refuting a Rumor.
"They tell me that you are a Philistine, Mr. Snuggs," said Mrs. Bellefield.
"Nothing of the sort, I assure you," replied Mr. Snuggs. "I am an American, born and bred." —Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Friendly Badinage.
Mike—Well, anyway, I kin flatter myself that I was never so droonk that I didn't know what I was doin'.
Pat—An' be the same token, ye war never so sober that ye did. —Richmond Dispatch.

Changed.
She used to be so dainty, Ere she became his wife; To-day she sits before him And eats things with her knife. —Chicago Daily News.

ECONOMY, NOT ATHLETICS.



"Why are you taking such violent exercise?"
"Just reducing my weight a little, so's I can wear last year's clothes." —Chicago Inter Ocean.

Expert Criticism.
"God made the country," but the men Who handle bills and paste appear to think there was a lack Of decorative taste. —Brooklyn Life.

Has a Suspicious Sound.
White—I don't like to hear men refer to our business as channels of trade. It sounds altogether too suspicious.
Black—What business are you in?
"The milk business." —Yonkers Statesman.

A Dangerous Occupation.
Biggs—"That man takes his life in his hands every day."
Boggs—Does he work in a powder mill?
Biggs—No; he is selling his own autobiography. —N. Y. Journal.

The Heathen Chinee.
Mrs. De Fashion—What perfectly horrible creatures the Chinese are! I am told that in China the men actually buy their wives.
Mrs. De Style—Yes, isn't it horrible? By the way, when is your daughter to marry Mr. Bullion?
Mrs. De Fashion—Just as soon as he recovers from this last attack of gout. —N. Y. Weekly.

Might Have Known It.
"So that is the beautiful Mrs. Harkins you have been telling me about? Well, I can't say that I think she had much of an eye for good looks when she picked out her husband. He is about as homely as—"
"That isn't her husband. Can't you see that he is carrying her bundles?" —Chicago Daily News.

Very Likely.
She—I see an eminent German physician has found that women require more sleep than men.
He—Yes, and I'll bet he's been bribed by somebody who wants to furnish some reason why her husband should get up and build the fire in the mornings. —Chicago Daily News.

The Only One.
Jackson—Penwell is the most remarkable literary man I know.
Johnson—Oh, he writes good stories, but there's nothing remarkable in that these days.
Jackson—No, but he doesn't insist on reading them aloud to his friends. —N. Y. World.

A Stranger Present.
Struggling Minister—There was a stranger in church to-day.
Wife—What did he look like?
"I did not see him."
"Then how do you know there was a stranger among the congregation?"
"I found a good quarter in the contribution box." —N. Y. Weekly.

A Reversed Philosophy.
"To see ourselves as others see us," From many a foolish thought might free us, But the same end might be reached, my brothers, By seeing ourselves as we see others. —L. A. W. Bulletin.

THE AWFUL ALTERNATIVE.



Willie—Say, gimme a nickel or I'll make me little brother recite a piece to you. —N. Y. Journal.

Her Fate.
No matter how pious an old maid may be And happy, she cannot prevent The neighbors from saying—indeed, it's the truth— That her life has been always miss-spent. —Harlem Life.

Losing Interest.
"Dorothy has given up all expectations of getting married."
"Has she quit crimping her hair?"
"No; but she doesn't save cooking recipes any more." —Chicago Record.

It Was Diluted.
Doctor—Can you get pure water at your boarding house.
Patient—No, not always; I frequently detect just a flavor of coffee in it. —Detroit Free Press.

The Cheerful Idiot.
"When the autocar comes into general use," said the cheerful idiot, "I want to know what is to become of the teaming millions." —Indianapolis Journal.

The Real Thing.
The hand that rocks the cradle May rule the world, but still, The hand that keeps things going Is the hand that pays the bill. —L. A. W. Bulletin.



THE INSINUATOR.
Carrie—You should get him to sign the pledge when you marry.
Edith—Why, he doesn't drink.
Carrie—No; but he may be tempted to do so later. —N. Y. Times.

NEW YORK CENTRAL.

Its Passenger Earnings, Including Controlled Lines, Excel the Pennsylvania—A Stupendous Showing.

The passenger department of the New York Central system, including lines leased, operated and controlled, east from St. Louis and Chicago, is the largest paying institution of its kind in the world. It beats the Pennsylvania system with its leased and operated lines in the territory named by \$1,535,758, and is so far ahead of any other system that comparison, to say the least, is odious. Poor's Manual, which is an authority on railway statistics, in its last yearly edition showed the passenger earnings of thirty-six of the leading railways, as follows:

Pennsylvania	\$21,200,000
New York Central	15,300,000
New York Central & Hudson River (leased and operated lines)	15,214,000
Southern Railway System	4,800,000
Boston & Maine System	8,800,000
Chicago & North Western	8,500,000
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	6,500,000
Canadian Pacific	5,800,000
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	5,700,000
Chicago & Great Western	5,700,000
Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe	5,600,000
Grand Trunk	5,500,000
Baltimore & Ohio	5,000,000
Southern Railway System	4,800,000
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	4,300,000
Louisville & Nashville	4,200,000
Lake Shore & Michigan Southern	4,200,000
Missouri Pacific System	4,000,000
Boston & Albany	4,000,000
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western	3,600,000
Michigan Central	3,300,000
Northern Pacific	2,800,000
Wabash	2,800,000
Lehigh Valley	2,700,000
Central Railroad of New Jersey	2,700,000
Union Pacific	2,400,000
Great Northern	2,074,000
Chicago & Alton	1,987,000
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,857,000
Plant System	1,275,174
Denver & Rio Grande	1,248,000
New York, Chicago & St. Louis	876,977
New York, Ontario & Western	638,000
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	544,781
New York, Chicago & St. Louis	876,977
Pennsylvania lines:	
Pennsylvania Railroad	\$21,200,000
Penn. lines west of Pittsburgh	8,800,000
—Buffalo Commercial, April 4, 1899.	

A stolen pair of shoes is boot-y.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, May 1.	
LIVE STOCK—Cattle, common	\$1.30 @ 1.35
Select butchers	4.50 @ 4.75
CALVES—Fair to good	6.75 @ 7.00
HOGS—Common and heavy	3.25 @ 3.45
Mixed packers	3.70 @ 3.90
Light shippers	3.60 @ 3.80
SHRIMP—Choice	3.75 @ 4.00
LAMBS—Spring	8.00 @ 8.50
FLOUR—Winter patent	3.45 @ 3.75
GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red	62 1/2
No. 3 red	62 1/2
Corn—No. 2 mixed	34 1/2
Oats—No. 2	28 1/2
Hay—Prime to choice	11.00 @ 11.50
PROVISIONS—Mess pork	9 1/2
Lard	10 1/2 @ 10.50
BUTTER—Choice creamery	19 1/2
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APPLES—Choice to fancy	4.50 @ 5.00
POTATOES—Per bushel	65 @ 80

NEW YORK.
FLOUR—Winter patent 3.75 @ 4.10 || GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red | 62 1/2 |
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BALTIMORE.
FLOUR—Winter patent 3.75 @ 4.10 || GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 red | 62 1/2 |
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